



Republic of the Philippines  
**RIZAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT**  
Antipolo, Rizal

**OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR**

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE : 15 March 2020

**SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPERATION OF MALLS, BINGO AND LOTTO OUTLETS, INTERNET CAFES, BARS, COFFEE SHOPS, COCKPIT ARENAS AND OTHER PLACES OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL**

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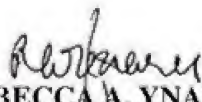
To ensure the health and safety of the public particularly Rizaleños, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and by virtue of the provisions of “Section 16. General Welfare Clause” of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, all owners/operators of malls, bingo and lotto outlets, internet cafes, bars, coffee shops, or those similarly situated, **except hospitals, pharmacies/drugstores and groceries/supermarkets/palengkes**, are strongly encouraged to temporarily suspend their operations until Public Health Emergency is lifted or withdrawn.

In addition:

1. Mass gatherings are temporarily suspended.
2. All private organizations, business establishments and other offices are strongly encouraged to postpone non-essential mass gatherings until after the Public Health Emergency is lifted or withdrawn.
3. Restaurants, hotels and other event centers are strongly encouraged to allow their clients to reschedule or rebook events without imposing any additional charge or penalty.
4. All cockpit arena operations and fights are temporarily suspended until after the Public Health Emergency is lifted or withdrawn. Non-compliant operators shall be dealt with accordingly.

This shall take effect on 16 March 2020 until after the same is amended or revoked.

For immediate compliance.

  
**REBECCA A. YNARES**  
Governor